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(BULGANIN MESSAGE TO BEN-GURION)

(TEXT) TODAY, NOV. 5, USSR FOREIGN MINISTER SHEPILOV RECEIVED THE ACTING CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF ISRAEL, MR. SHAOUSH, AND HANDED HIM A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, BULGANIN, TO PRIME MINISTER BEN-GURION OF ISRAEL:

MR. PREMIER, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED ITS DEFINITE CONDEMNATION OF THE ARMED AGGRESSION BY ISRAEL AS WELL AS BY BRITAIN AND FRANCE AGAINST EGYPT WHICH WAS A DIRECT AND OPEN VIOLATION OF THE CHARTER AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE STATES OF THE WORLD HAVE ALSO CONDEMNED THE ACT OF AGGRESSION COMMITTED WITH REGARD TO THE EGYPTIAN STATE AT A SPECIAL AND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND HAS CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENTS OF ISRAEL, BRITAIN AND FRANCE TO CEASE MILITARY OPERATIONS FORTHWITH AND WITHDRAW THE INVADING TROOPS FROM THE EGYPTIAN TERRITORY.

ALL PEACE-LOVING MANKIND INDIGNANTLY BRANDS THE CRIMINAL ACTIONS OF THE AGGRESSORS WHO HAVE ATTACKED THE TERRITORIAL ENTITY, SOVEREIGNTY, AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE EGYPTIAN STATE. DISREGARDING THIS, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, ACTING AS A TOOL OF FOREIGN IMPERIALIST POWERS, CONTINUES THE FOOLHARDY ADVENTURE, CHALLENGING ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE EAST WHO ARE WAGING A STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM FOR THEIR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, ALL THE PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

SUCH ACTIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL PLAINLY SHOW WHAT ALL THE FALSE ASSURANCES OF ISRAEL'S LOVE OF PEACE AND ITS DESIRE TO COEXIST PEACEFULLY WITH THE NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES WERE WORTH. BY THESE ASSURANCES THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WAS IN FACT STRIVING MERELY TO LULL THE VIGILANCE OF OTHER NATIONS, PREPARING A TREACHEROUS ATTACK AGAINST ITS NEIGHBORS.

CARRYING OUT THE WILL OF OTHER PEOPLE, ACTING ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM ABROAD, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL IS PLAYING WITH THE FATE OF PEACE, WITH THE FATE OF ITS OWN PEOPLE, IN A CRIMINAL AND IRRESPONSIBLE MANNER. IT IS SOWING HATRED FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL AMONG THE PEOPLES OF THE EAST WHICH CANNOT BUT AFFECT THE FUTURE OF ISRAEL, AND WHICH WILL PLACE A QUESTION UPON (RUSS: POSTAVIT POD VOPROS) THE VERY EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL AS A STATE.

BEING VITALLY INTERESTED IN THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND IN SAFEGUARDING CALM IN THE MIDDLE AND NEAR EAST, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS AT THIS MOMENT TAKING MEASURES WITH THE AIM OF STOPPING THE WAR AND CURBING THE AGGRESSORS. WE EXPECT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WILL COME TO ITS SENSES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE AND WILL HALT ITS MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST EGYPT.

WE APPEAL YOU, THE PARLIAMENT, THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, TO THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL: STOP AGGRESSION, HALT THE BLOODSHED, WITHDRAW YOUR TROOPS FROM EGYPTIAN TERRITORY.

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE SITUATION WHICH HAS ARISEN, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS PASSED A DECISION TO ADVISE ITS AMBASSADOR IN TEL AVIV TO LEAVE ISRAEL AND IMMEDIATELY GO TO MOSCOW.

WE HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WILL DULY UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE OUR WARNING.

BULGANIN.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, MR. BEN-GURION, PRIME MINISTER OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, TEL AVIV.